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1. Laborers at the Gyudur Mine near Zlatograd were divided into three wage categories, based upon proficiency and experience, as follows:
 - a. First category, 350 leva per day;
 - b. Second category, 500 leva per day; and
 - c. Third category, 650 leva per day.
2. Sunday was considered to be an ordinary working day but laborers were free to take it as a holiday. Most workers, however, worked on Sunday because they wanted the extra wages. Political lectures were given every Sunday but attendance was compulsory only for DSNM (Dimitrovski Soyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov Union of the People's Youth) members. Workers were encouraged to join the DSNM but no coercion was used.
3. Workers were accommodated free of charge in barracks and ate at a canteen. Food consisted mainly of beans, potatoes, and sunflower oil and cost between 100 and 120 leva per day. Meat was provided twice a month. Supplementary items such as bread, cheese, cigarettes, and tea were available at the following prices:
 - a. Bread, thirty 800-gram loaves per month at 30 leva per loaf; extra loaves could be purchased at 80 leva per loaf;
 - b. Cheese, 200 grams per month at 380 leva per kilogram;
 - c. Tea, once a day at 20 leva; and
 - d. Cigarettes, unlimited quantity of third quality cigarettes at 35 leva per package.

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5. Workers entertained themselves in the evenings by playing cards, backgammon, etc. and improvising concerts. They frequently organized dances to which they invited local girls. On the whole, the workers were contented.

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